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For: METHOD FOR THE DETECTION) Confirmation Number: 8636
OF CYTOSINE METHYLATION)
PATTERNS WITH HIGH)
SENSITIVITY)

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant discloses the following information:

1. U.S. Patent No. 5,866,336, inventors Nazarenko et al., which issued February 2, 1999;
2. PCT International Publication No. WO 01/76451 A2, published October 18, 2001;
3. PCT International Publication No. WO 01/44504 A2, published June 21, 2001;
4. PCT International Publication No. WO 00/70090 A1, published November 23, 2000;
5. PCT International Publication No. WO 00/46398 A1, published August 10, 2000;
6. PCT International Publication No. WO 99/60007 A2, published November 25, 1999;
7. PCT International Publication No. WO 97/37041 A2, published October 9, 1997;
8. German Offenlegungsschrift No. DE 101 12 515 A1, published November 14, 2002
(together with English-language abstract);
9. Worm et al., "In-Tube DNA Methylation Profiling by Fluorescence Melting Curve Analysis," Clinical Chemistry, 47(7):1183-9 (2001);
10. Olejnik et al., "Photocleavable peptide-DNA conjugates: synthesis and applications to

DNA analysis using MALDI-MS," Nucleic Acids Research, 27(23):4626-31 (1999);

11. Yu et al., "Specific Inhibition of PCR by Non-Extendable Oligonucleotides Using a 5' to 3' Exonuclease-Deficient DNA Polymerase," BioTechniques, 23(4):714-20 (1997);

12. Olek et al., "A modified and improved method for bisulphite based cytosine methylation analysis," Nucleic Acids Research, 24(24):5064-6 (1996); and

13. Auer et al., "Selective amplification of RNA utilizing the nucleotide analog dITP and *Thermus thermophilus* DNA polymerase," Nucleic Acids Research, 24(24):5021-5 (1996).

A copy of above document no. 1 is not being provided with this paper since this document is a U.S. patent, for which a copy is not required. On the other hand, copies of above document nos. 2-13 are being provided with this paper. In addition, all of the above documents are listed on the enclosed PTO Forms PTO/SB/08A and PTO/SB/08B. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above-listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the enclosed forms.

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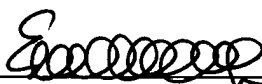
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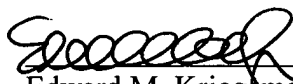
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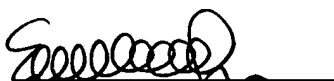
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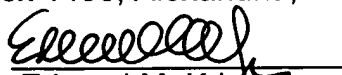
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